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'Victory Drive' opening heralds new era at Camp Humphreys

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CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA – "Victory Drive," a new road that provides easier access to the Camp Humphreys Lodge, commissary and the developing "downtown" area that houses the post exchange, commissary and other frequented public facilities opened June 21.

"Welcome to another milestone in the growth of Camp Humphreys," Area III and Camp Humphreys Commander Col. Michael J. Taliento Jr. told Soldiers, U.S. and Korean civilians, family members and others gathered for the grand opening. "With the opening of this road, we make access to the post in a more modern, more efficient way."

Before the ribbon was cut opening Victory Drive, Directorate of Public Works Contracting
Officer Hubert Therrington presented certificates of appreciation to Yi Chun-chae of Yi Bon
Construction and project manager Yi Kye-nam.

Construction on Victory Road began in December at a project cost of about \$311,000. The cost includes the installation of such underground utilities as a drainage system and expansion of a high-speed communications fiber optics system.

Carl Davis, deputy director at the Area III Directorate of Public Works, said the road will ease congestion and increase traffic flow.

"To get to the new lodge and commissary before Victory Drive opened, you had to travel down a small and quite often congested road past troop living areas and drive between the lodge and the gymnasium," said Davis. "The new road will relieve traffic in the troop living area and provide direct access for pedestrian and vehicular traffic to downtown."

The opening of the new road is the most recent of a series of recent traffic and parking improvements at Camp Humphreys, including the creation of parking lots at key locations with a total of 252 parking spaces.

Davis said the next and most noticeable improvement will be the construction of a new road that will connect the existing post office to the Camp Humphreys Health Clinic, a short distance away over a small hill. The new road, he said, will add additional parking and relieve a traffic flow problem between troop barracks.

The existing post office and community bank are scheduled to move in the future near to a renovated building that used to be the old post exchange. The community bank and Army post office will be collocated in the same building with the USA Credit Union, which moved in May. The building is located between Burger King and the Community Activities Center.